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SUBJECT: VIET-NAM WEEKLY CEASEFIRE ASSESSMENT,
JANUARY 15-21, 1975

PART I -- SUMMARY.

A. ALTHOUGH ACTIVITY MODERATED THIS WEEK, WITH A TWENTY PER CENT DROP IN INCIDENTS, GVN FORCES SUFFERED A 25 PER CENT INCREASE IN KIA, ACCORDING TO INITIAL BATTLEFIELD REPORTS. RVNAF FORCES CONTINUE TO ACQUIT THEMSELVES GENERALLY WELL IN THE FACE OF CONTINUED COMMUNIST PROBING AND HARASSMENT ACROSS A BROAD SPECTRUM AND INTENSE PRESSURE IN A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL AREAS. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF HEAVY FIGHTING AHEAD, WITH, FOR EXAMPLE, GVN FORCES IN THE TAY NINH AREA OF MR-3 EXPECTING A BIG COMMUNIST PUSH, AND INDICATIONS THAT THE COMMUNISTS MAY BE CLOSE TO MAJOR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS IN MR-2.

B. THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN FIGHTING IN MR-1, WITH INCIDENTS UP ONE THIRD AND CASUALTIES APPRECIABLY HIGHER (GVN SUFFERED AN INCREASE OF FIFTY PER CENT KIA, AND NVA/VC WERE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PER CENT HIGHER). NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS GVN FORCES AGAIN COMMAND THE NUI BONG AREA. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL NEIGHBORING HILLS WERE ALSO RETAKEN, AND A CONSOLIDATION EFFORT IS UNDER WAY BY THE RVNAF IN THE MO TAU AND NUI BONG AREAS. SOUTH OF THE PASS FIGHTING WAS GENERALLY LIGHT, ALTHOUGH A SUCCESSFUL GVN OPERATION WAS BEGUN IN SOUTHEASTERN QUANG NAM WHICH RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT NVA/VC LOSSES. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF MINING INCIDENTS IN QUANG TIN; QUANG NGAI WAS FAIRLY QUIET.

C. ACTIVITY WAS LOWER IN MR-2, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS STILL A FAIR MEASURE OF FIGHTING--ALBEIT LESS INTENSE--IN THE AN LAO VALLEY IN BINH DINH. VC ATTACKS ALONG QL1 AND QL19 INCREASED, AND THE GVN EXPECTS A
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CONTINUING EFFORT AGAINST MAJOR LOCS, PARTICULARLY QL19. KONTUM AND PLEIKU CONTINUED MODERATELY QUIET, ALTHOUGH VNAF BOMBING OF A COMMUNIST MILITARY TRUCK CONVOY IN THE FORMER RESULTED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF SEVENTY CARGO TRUCKS. MR-2 COMMANDER, GENERAL PHU, HAS BEEN REDEPLOYING SOME OF HIS FORCES BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING SIGNS THAT THE COMMUNISTS MAY LAUNCH MAJOR ACTIONS IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF OTHER INCIDENTS IN THE REGION, INCLUDING EFFORTS AGAINST QL20 IN LAM DONG AND QL1

IN BINH THUAN, AS WELL AS A SUCCESSFUL SAPPER ATTACK AGAINST AN F-5 AT PHAN RANG AIR BASE.

D. MR-3 SHOWED A MIDDLING LEVEL OF ACTIVITY, WITH TAY NINH, HOAI DUC AND SAPPERS IN THE SAIGON AREA SUPPLYING THE PRINCIPAL ACTION. TAY NINH WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PROVINCE, WITH CONSIDERABLE COMMUNIST PRESSURE IN THE TAY NINH CITY AREA, AND HEAVY AFB ON SUOI DA OUTPOST FROM THE RECENTLY LOST BA DEN MOUNTAIN. THE SUCCESSFUL CONSOLIDATION EFFORT IN THE OAI DUC AREA OF BINH TUY IS CONTINUING, WITH THE CURRENT EFFORT AIMED AT CLEARING THE ROAD BETWEEN HOAI DUC AND QL1. COMMUNIST DEFENDERS OF THE ROAD, HOWEVER, ARE PUTTING UP STIFF RESISTANCE. BOTH GIA DINH AND BIEN HOA PROVINCES HAD A NUMBER OF COMMUNIST SAPPER ATTACKS DURING THE PERIOD.

E. ACTIVITY IN THE DELTA WAS DOWN THIS WEEK, BUT GVN CASUALTIES WERE SOMEWHAT HIGHER. WITH THE JANUARY HIGHPOINT PASSED, THE EXPECTATION IS THAT ACTIVITY WILL DECREASE NEXT WEEK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KIEN TUONG PROVINCE. IN THE NORTH, MOC HOA, IN KIEN TUONG, WAS THE SUBJECT OF MULTIPLE SHELLINGS, AND THE NVA/VC HAVE WARNED THE POPULATION TO EXPECT MORE HEAVY SHELLING SOON. IN THE FACE OF THIS ABOUT HALF OF THE 15,000 TOWNSPEOPLE HAVE LEFT. HONG NGU DISTRICT

WAS THE FOCUS OF THE ACTIVITY IN KIEN PHONG PROVINCE, AND THE GVN EXPECTS THE COMMUNISTS TO TRY TO TAKE THREE WESTERN BORDER VILLAGES OF HONG NGU TO SERVE AS THE CAPITAL OF VC LONG CHAU TIEN PROVINCE AND AS A MEKONG PORT OF ENTRY. IN THE CENTRAL DELTA THINGS WERE MODERATELY QUIET, ALTHOUGHT VINH BINH WAS FAIRLY ACTIVE AS WAS VINH LONG AT THE END OF THE PERIOD. BAC LIEU WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PROVINCE IN THE SOUTH, ACHIEVING THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN OVER A YEAR. BA XUYEN AND AN XUYEN SAW MODERATE ACTIVITY AND TWO VILLAGES WERE RETAKEN BY THE GVN IN CHUONG THIEN.

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WITH THE ARRIVAL OF IRANIAN AMBASSADOR SADIGH ESFANDIARY AND THE RETURN OF INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR SUHUD JANUARY 22, ALL ICCS AMBASSADORS ARE NOW PRESENT. THE GVN CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR ACTION BY ICCS DELEGATIONS ON THE CAPTURE OF PHUOC LONG PROVINCE. THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON JANUARY 16 CONTAINING AN APPEAL TO BOTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO REFRAIN FROM ESCALATING ACTIVITIES, RESUME NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT, AND SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE CEASEFIRE. IT ALSO STATED THAT THE ICCS IS NOT A POLICE FORCE. THE RVN DELEGATION OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED THE INDONESIAN STATEMENT; HOWEVER, THE "PRG" DELEGATE, AFTER MEETING WITH THE INDONESIAN CHARGE, PUBLICLY CRITICIZED THE STATEMENT BECAUSE IT DID NOT CONDEMN THE USG AND THE GVN.

PART III -- FPJMT, TPJMC AND RELATED MATTERS.
A. COMMUNISTS BLAST "HARRASSMENT" OF ICCS TEAM.

THE "PRG" AND DRV FOREIGN MINISTRIES HAVE CONDEMNED THE GVN FOR ALLEGEDLY ORGANIZING A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE ICCS TEAM BASED IN XUAN LOC WHICH RESULTED IN THE ICCS DELEGATES THERE SIGNING A DOCUMENT ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE. THE DRV STATEMENT, DATED JANUARY 18, CLAIMED THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS, "ARMED WITH GUNS AND STICKS," WERE "HENCHMEN AND THUGS" OF THE GVN WHICH STAGED THE INCIDENT. THE "PRG" STATEMENT, PUBLISHED TWO DAYS EARLIER, ALLEGED THAT THE "THUGS AND HOOLIGANS" ENTERED THE ICCS COMPOUND AND "STONED OR BEAT UP MANY MEMEBERS OF THE ICCS TEAM."

COMMENT: WE HAVE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE FROM THE GVN OF THE SIGNING BY THE FOUR ICCS MEMBERS WHICH INDICATES A RELATIVELY PLACID SCENE. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANYONE BEING STONED OR BEATEN UP. ADDITIONALLY, GENERAL HIEP, CHIEF OF THE RVN TPJMC DELEGATION, HAS TOLD US THAT THE POLISH AMBASSADOR ADMITTED IN RESPONSE TO HIS (HIEP'S) QUESTION THAT NONE OF THE DEMONSTRATORS WAS ARMED WITH GUNS. END COMMENT.

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B. HANOI ON SECDEF'S "INSOLENT THREATS."
THE DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY DENOUNCED SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S
JANUARY 14 REMARKS IN WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY'S JANUARY
16 STATEMENT, HE "BLATANTLY DECLARED" THE THE ADMINISTRATION
WAS GIVING "INTENSIVE SCRUTINY" TO THE PROBLEM OF SENDING ADDI-
TIONAL MILITARY AID TO THE GVN, "HE ALSO," SAID THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY, "UTTERED INSOLENT THREATS AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE."
SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS SHOW THAT THE US "STUBBORNLY PERSISTS IN
ITS MILITARY INVOLVEMENT" IN VIET-NAM, THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED.

PART V -- MR-1.

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

I CORPS HQS BRIEFED 123 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, AN INCREASE FROM
LAST WEEK'S 89. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS FIGHTING INCREASED IN
SOUTHERN THUA THIEN (P). SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS FIGHTING WAS
LIGHT EXCEPT IN QUANG NAM (P) WHERE ARVN 3D DIVISION INITIATED AN
OPERATION DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. GVN
CASUALTIES WERE 102 KIA, 282 WIA, 14 MIA. VC/NVA LOSSES WERE:
494 KIA, 21 CAPTURED, AND 3 RETURNEES. A TOTAL OF 42 COMBAT AIR
SORTIES WERE FLOWN. GENERALLY IMPROVED WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE
A FACTOR IN THE INCREASED FIGHTING AND AIR ACTIVITY.

2. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

QUANG TRI (P) REMAINED QUIET. IN THUA THIEN (P)
THE ARVN 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION INITIATED A CAMPAIGN TO RETAKE THE

NVA/VC STRONGPOINTS ON THE RIDGELINE AND CRESTS IN THE NUI BONG AREA. THE SUCCESSFUL DIRVE BEGAN ON JAN 15TH AND CONTINUED THROUGH JAN 19TH, RESULTING IN NUI BONG BEING DECLARED SECURE BY GVN FORCES ON JAN 17TH. SEVERAL OTHER NEIGHBORING HILLS WERE ALSO RETAKEN. PATROLS AND SEARCHES ARE STILL BEING CARRIED OUT AT RECENTLY RE-CAPTURED MO TAU AND IN THE NUI BONG AREA.

3. SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

IN DUY XUYEN AND QUE SON DISTRICTS OF SOUTHEASTERN QUANG NAM
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(P) THE ARVN 3D DIVISION BEGAN AN OFFENSIVE OPERATION AGAINST NVA/VC FORCES IN THE AREA ON JAN 19-20TH. IN THREE OF THE MAJOR ACTIONS ON JAN 20TH, GVN REPORTEDLY SUFFERED 1 KIA, 14 WIA, WHILE NVA/VC LOSSES WERE LISTED AS 138 KIA. THIS OPERATION IS STILL IN PROGRESS AT THE END OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD. ON JAN 16, NVA/VC FIRED 9 RDS OF M79 INTO A SUB SUBSECTOR IN QUANG NAM (P) WOUNDING 5 PERSONS, 2 OF THEM CIVILIANS. ON JAN 20, AN EXPLOSION ATTRIBUTED TO THE VC OCCURRED IN A RESTAURANT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DANANG CITY KILLING 1 CIVILIAN AND WOUNDING 6 OTHER PERSONS, 3 OF THEM AIRBORNE SOLDIERS. ON JAN 20, CHILDREN ACTIVATED A NVA/VC MINE SOUTH OF QUE SON, QUANG NAM (P), KILLING 2 CHILDREN AND WOUNDING 1 CHILD.

THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY IN QUANG TIN (P). HOWEVER, ON JAN 14, A HAMLET CHIEF WAS AMBUSHED AND KILLED BY NVA/VC IN TAM KY (D) QUANG TIN (P). ON JAN 15, A NVA/VC MINE WAS ACTIVATED IN LY TIN (D), QUANG TIN (P) RESULTING IN 2 CHILDREN KILLED, 1 CHILD WOUNDED. ON JAN 16, A NVA/VC MINE EXPLODED IN TAM KY (D), QUANG TIN (P) KILLING 1 CIVILIAN AND 3 WATER BUFFALO. ON JAN 19, WOODCUTTERS ACTIVATED A VC MINE IN LY TIN (D), QUANG TIN (P), KILLING 1 CIVILIAN.

QUANG NGAI (P) WAS QUIET EXCEPT FOR SCATTERED DAILY CONTACTS. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTION WAS REPORTED OTHER THAN TWO NVA/VC ATTACKS ON AN ELEMENT OF THE 64TH RANGER BN NORTHWEST OF LAM SON BASE, BINH SON (D), ON JAN 14TH. ON JAN 15, NVA/VC BLEW UP THE RF-GUARDED O SONG BRIDGE ON HWY 1, SE OF BINH SON (D) TOWN, QUANG NGAI (P), CAUSING 80 PERCENT DAMAGE AND INTERRUPTING TRAFFIC FOR 8 HOURS UNTIL A DETOUR WAS ESTABLISHED. ON JAN 14, NVA/VC SHELLED 4 RDS 82MM MORTAR INTO BINH SON SUB SECTOR, BINH SON (D), QUANG NGAI (P), RESULTING IN 2 CIVILIANS WOUNDED. ON JAN 15, NVA/VC SHELLED 5 RDS 82MM MORTAR INTO A POPULATED AREA IN SON TINH (D), QUANG NGAI (P) RESULTING IN 1 CIVILIAN HOME 40 PERCENT DESTROYED. ON JAN 17, A PF PLT IN BINH SON (T), BINH SON (D), QUANG NGAI (P) WAS SUBJECTED TO A GROUND ATTACK AND 7 RDS OF 61MM MORTAR FIRE. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ROUNDS FELL INTO AN ADJACENT POPULATED AREA KILLING 2 CIVILIANS AND WOUNDING 2 CIVILIANS.

4. ICCS:

IN ICCS REGION I, THE INDONESIAN AND IRANIAN DELEGATIONS
CONDUCTED AN OBSERVATION ON JANUARY 17 OF THE VC DESTRUCTION OF
A CULVERT IN PHU LOC (D), THUA THIEN (P). IN ICCS REGION II,
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NO OBSERVATIONS OR INVESTIGATIONS WERE REPORTED.

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PART VI -- MR-2.

1. SUMMARY: MILITARY ACTIVITY DECREASED IN MR-2. IN BINH DINH, CONSIDERABLE FIGHTING TOOK PLACE NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE AN LAO VALLEY, BUT THE FIGHTING WAS LESS INTENSE THAN IN PREVIOUS WEEKS.

VNAF AIR SORTIES AGAINST COMMUNIST MILITARY CONVOYS IN KONTUM CONTINUED. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE 968TH NVA DIV MAY HAVE ENTERED PLEIKU FROM SOUTHERN LAOS. IN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS NEAR ELEPHANT MTN IN TUYEN DUC, REGIONAL FORCES KILLED 12 COMMUNISTS. LOW-LEVEL COMMUNIST HARASSMENT ATTACKS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT MR-2.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

I. COMMUNIST-INITIATED INCIDENTS:

	TOTAL INCIDENTS	HIGHLAND	COASTAL ZONE
LAST WEEK:	77	26 PERCENT	74 PERCENT
THIS WEEK:	62	20 PERCENT	80 PERCENT

BINH DINH WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PROVINCE WITH 36 INCIDENTS.

II. COMMUNIST PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES:

	PERSONNEL	WEAPONS					
	KIA	CIA	RETURNEE	CS	INDV	TOTAL	WPNS
LAST WEEK:	580	7	1	41	115	156	
THIS WEEK:	489	3	5	29	76	105	

III. GVN PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES:

	KIA	WIA	MIA	CS	INDV	TOTAL	WPNS
LAST WEEK:	58	170	19	0	13	13	
THIS WEEK:	50	137	0	0	11	11	

IV. GVN ARTILLERY AMMO UTILIZATION (ROUNDS):

LAST WEEK: 22,552

THIS WEEK: 17,239

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V. GVN AIR OPERATIONS (SORTIES):

	TAC AIR	VR	HELICOPTER
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LAST WEEK:	299	163	1,243
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THIS WEEK:	381	184	1,245
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2. BINH DINH: THE INTENSITY OF COMMUNIST ATTACKS ON THE 3 GVN CONTROLLED HILLS WEST OF BONG SON CITY--THE CENTER OF FIGHTING IN BINH DINH IN RECENT WEEKS--DECREASED. IN ENGAGEMENTS ON JAN 14 AND 15 NEAR NUI CHEO MTN (THE SOUTHERN-MOST OF THE HILLS), HOWEVER, THE COMMUNISTS REPORTEDLY TOOK 112 KIA AND LOST NUMEROUS WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION, WHILE THE ARVN UNITS INVOLVED, ELEMENTS OF THE 40TH ARVN REGT, CLAIM TO HAVE SUFFERED MINIMAL CASUALTIES. OTHER, SMALLER CONTACTS TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS. ON JAN 19, 3 KM SOUTH OF TAM QUAN A RECON ELEMENTS OF THE 234TH RF BN KILLED 14 COMMUNISTS, AND CAPTURED SEVERAL WEAPONS AND DOCUMENTS, WHILE TAKING ONLY 1 WIA; ON JAN 20, NEAR THE NHONG PASS (BR 862749), THE 1ST AND 2ND BNS OF THE 41ST ARVN REGT KILLED 22 COMMUNISTS AND SEIZED SEVERAL WEAPONS, BUT SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES. DESPITE AN INCREASE OF VC SNIPING AND GROUND ATTACKS ALONG QL-1 AND QL-19, BOTH ARTERIES REMAINED OPEN. GVN INTELLIGENCE ANTICIPATES A CONTINUATION OF ATTEMPTS TO INTERDICT LOC'S, PARTICULARLY QL-19. ACCORDINGLY, ELEMENTS OF THE 47TH ARVN REGT HAVE ESTABLISHED POSITIONS AND ARE CONDUCTING SWEEPS TO THE NORTH OF QL-19. GVN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES BELIEVE THAT THE 12TH NVA REGT HAS REPLACED THE BELEAGUERED 141ST NVA REGT AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE AN LAO VALLEY. ALSO, THE GVN TAM QUAN DISTRICT CHIEF HAS RECEIVED AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT THE 52ND NVA BRIGADE HAS ENTERED NORTHERN TAM QUAN DISTRICT FROM QUANG NGAI, FINALLY, BG PHAN DINH NIEM, COMMANDER OF THE 22ND ARVN DIV, HAS INVITED THE COMMANDER OF THE 3RD NVA DIV TO DINE WITH HIM ON TET IN QUI NHON. THE RESPONSE OF THE COMMANDER OF THE 3RD DIV, WHO WAS PROMISED SAFE PASSAGE TO AND FROM QUI NHON, IS NOT KNOWN.

3. KONTUM: NO MAJOR GROUND CONTACTS OCCURRED. ACCORDINGLY, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT MILITARY INCIDENT OF THE WEEK WAS THE VNAF'S BOMBING OF A COMMUNIST MILITARY CONVOY 42 KM NW OF KONTUM ON JAN 16, AS A RESULT OF WHICH 70 CARGO TRUCKS AND 6 HOUSES WERE REPORTEDLY DESTROYED. ALSO, THE GVN LOST A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MILITARY SUPPLIES--INCLUDING NUMEROUS ROCKETS AND 37,500 ROUNDS OF M-60

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MACHINE GUN AMMO--AND SUFFERED 5 KIA AND 6 WIA, WHEN A GRASS FIRE TRIGGERED FLARES AND ANTI-TANK MINES AND TOTALLY DESTROYED AN AMMO STORAGE AREA NEAR THE KONTUM AIRFIELD ON JAN 20; APPARENTLY THE FIRE WAS OF NON-HOSTILE ORIGIN.

4. PLEIKU: PLEIKU WAS RELATIVELY QUIET. HOWEVER, INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE THAT ELEMENTS OF THE 968TH NVA DIV HAS ENTERED PLEIKU FROM LAOS; THE HQS, OR POSSIBLY A FORWARD ELEMENT, HAS BEEN LOCATED ABOUT 36 KM SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY. THE SECTOR S-2 SPECULATES THAT THE 968TH MAY FREE THE 320TH NVA DIV FOR AN ATTACK ON KONTUM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE F-10 NVA DIV; HOWEVER, MR-2 HQS REPORTS THAT ELEMENTS OF THE 320TH DIV MAY BE MOVING SOUTHWARD. GENERAL PHU, THE MR-2 COMMANDER, WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT GROWING INDICATIONS THAT THE COMMUNISTS MAY BE ABOUT TO INITIATE MAJOR MILITARY ACTIONS IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, HAS BROUGHT THE 53RD ARVN REGT BACK TO PLEIKU FROM QUANG DUC, AND HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE JGS TO SHIFT THE 4TH RANGER GROUP TO PLEIKU FROM SAIGON. IN ADDITION, SAIGON HAS ORDERED THAT A 90-DAY, RATHER THAN A 60-DAY, RICE STOCK BE MAINTAINED IN PLEIKU, KONTUM, PHU BON, DARLAC, AND QUANG DUC BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED COMMUNIST THREAT. AS OF JAN 15, CONVOYS FROM QUI NHON HAD SUBSTANTIALLY REPLENISHED THE POL STOCKS DESTROYED IN THE JAN 10 SAPPER ATTACK ON THE PLEIKU FUEL STORAGE DEPOT.

5. OTHER: FIVE GVN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR JEEP DETONATED A MINE ON QL-1 IN PHU YEN ON JAN 15. MR-2 HQS REPORTS THAT ON JAN 14, 30 KM NORTHWEST OF BAN DON IN DARLAC, VNAF AIR SORTIES DESTROYED 2 TANKS AND 10 TRUCKS. 269 PEOPLE MADE THEIR WAY FROM PHUOC LONG TO QUANG DUC THIS WEEK, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO JUST UNDER 2,000. IN LAM DONG THE VC MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO INTERDICT QL-20; THEY SUCCEEDED IN DESTROYING 1 CULVERT AND INTERRUPTING TRAFFIC FOR 1 DAY. IN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS NEAR ELEPHANT MTN IN TUYEN DUC ON JAN 18, REGIONAL FORCES KILLED 12 COMMUNISTS, SEIZED SEVERAL WEAPONS, SOME AMMUNITION, AND 10 KGS OF DOCUMENTS, AND DESTROYED 7 VC HOUSES. AT 0350 HRS ON JAN 15, COMMUNIST SABOTEURS ENTERED PHAN RANG AIRBASE, NINH THUAN, AND DESTROYED ONE F-5 FIGHTER BEFORE ESCAPING. COMMUNIST HARASSMENT ACTIVITY IN BINH THUAN CONTINUED, ESPECIALLY IN THIEN GIAO DISTRICT, BUT COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO INTERDICT QL-1

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IN BINH THUAN WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

6. ICCS: ON JAN 16, INDONESIAN AND IRANIAN DELEGATIONS MADE AN "OBSERVATION" OF THE MORTAR ATTACK IN THE VICINITY OF SON PHA DISTRICT HQS IN NINH THUAN. THE ICCS REGION IV

DELEGATION HAS REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM GVN
AUTHORITIES TO INVESTIGATE THE PLIGHT OF PHUOC LONG REFUGEES
IN QUANG DUC; THE ICCS WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN QUANG
DUC JAN 21. CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS, THE INDONESIAN
AND IRANIAN DELEGATIONS DID NOT MAKE AN "OBSERVATION" OF
THE FUEL DUMP IN PLEIKU BLOWN UP BY COMMUNIST SAPPERS ON
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PART VII -- MR-3.

1. ACTIVITY IN MR-3 CONTINUED AT A MODERATE LEVEL THIS WEEK WITH TAY NINH IN THE WEST, HOAI DUC IN THE EAST, AND SAPPER ACTIVITY IN THE SAIGON ENVIRONS THE MAIN FOCAL POINTS. TAY NINH CITY CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ROCKET AND ARTILLERY FIRE, AND THERE WERE SEVERAL COMMUNIST PROBES NORTH AND EAST OF THE CITY WHERE GVN FORCES ARE STILL BRACED FOR A MAJOR NVA/VC PUSH. IN THE HOAI DUC AREA OF BINH TUY, ATTENTION SHIFTED FROM HOAI DUC TOWN WHERE THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO CONSOLIDATE ITS CONTROL TO ROUTE 333 WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO OPEN BETWEEN HOAI DUC AND ROUTE 1 AGAINST DETERMINED NVA RESISTANCE.

2. MR-3 HQS RECORDED 273 INCIDENTS THIS WEEK, DROPPING SLIGHTLY FROM LAST WEEK'S 290. ALTHOUGH ACTIVITY LESSENED THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE REGION, IN TAY NINH INCIDENTS JUMPED TO 65, MORE THAN DOUBLING THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S 32. LONG KHANH REPORTED 40 INCIDENTS (35) AND BINH DUONG 29 (50). MR-3 HQ RECORDED 62 GROUND CONTACTS, 131 ATTACKS BY FIRE, AND 11 COMBINED GROUND AND ABF'S. THERE WERE 16 MININGS AND 53 OTHER ASSORTED INCIDENTS.

3. THE COMMUNISTS FIRED 2,309 MORTAR, 187 ROCKET, AND 177 ARTILLERY ROUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF 2,673 (2,373 THE PREVIOUS WEEK). ARVN EXPENDED 21,519 ARTILLERY ROUNDS COMPARED WITH 26,427 LAST REPORTING PERIOD. VNAF 3RD AIR DIV FLEW 258 FIXED-WING SORTIES AND 261 HELICOPTER GUNSHIP MISSIONS.

4. GVN CASUALTIES WERE SET AT 117 KIA, 283 WIA, AND 24 MIA. NVA/VC LOSSES WERE GIVEN AS 209 KIA, TWO CIA, AND ONE RALLIER. ADDITIONALLY, VNAF REPORTED 232 NVA/VC KILLED BY AIR.

5. TAY NINH PROVINCE RECORDED THE HEAVIEST ACTIVITY IN MR-3 THIS WEEK. MOST OF THE INCIDENTS WERE IN THE FORM OF ABFS AND LIMITED GROUND CONTACTS AGAINST TERRITORIAL FORCE AND 25TH ARVN DIV OUTPOSTS AND BASE AREAS NORTH AND NORTHEAST OF TAY NINH CITY. ON JANUARY 14 NVA/VC DIRECTED 64 ROUNDS OF 120MM MORTAR AND 107MM ROCKET ROUNDS AGAINST DEFENDERS OF SUOI DA OUTPOST FROM LOCATIONS ON BA DEN

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MOUNTAIN, KILLING 28 TERRITORIAL FORCE SOLDIERS AND WOUNDING ONE. ON JANUARY 18 TAY NINH CITY RECEIVED THREE SEPARATE ABF'S, TOTALING 39 ROUNDS OF 122MM ROCKETS AND 20 ROUNDS OF 85MM ARTILLERY, WHICH RESULTED IN FIVE KILLED (FOUR CIVILIANS) AND 23 WOUNDED (22 CIVILIANS).

6. IN BINH TUY PROVINCE, 18TH DIV ELEMENTS IN COORDINATION WITH TERRITORIAL FORCES HAVE CONTINUED TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR CONTROL IN HOAI DUC DISTRICT TOWN AND HAVE MOUNTED A MAJOR EFFORT TO RE-OPEN ROUTE 333 CONNECTING HOAI DUC AND ROUTE 1. THE NVA 33RD REGT IS STUBBORNLY DEFENDING THE ROAD. NORTHEAST OF HOAI DUC TOWN, ELEMENTS OF THE 43RD REGT PUSHED ALONG ROUTE 334 CLOSE TO VO XU.

7. COMMUNIST SAPPERS CONTINUED THEIR ACTIVITIES IN GIA DINH PROVINCE WHICH SURROUNDS SAIGON. QUANG TRUNG TRAINING CENTER AND SURROUNDING HAMLETS RECEIVED EIGHT 122MM ROCKET ROUNDS ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 15 RESULTING IN TWO KILLED (ONE CIVILIAN), 44 WOUNDED (TEN CIVILIANS) AND TWO HOUSES DESTROYED. ON JANUARY 18, TERRORISTS THREW EXPLOSIVE CHARGES INTO THE PHAN VAN LOI PRECINCT POLICE STATION JUST SOUTHWEST OF CHOLON, KILLING ONE AND WOUNDING THIRTEEN. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JANUARY 17, SAPPERS ATTACKED THE TAN TAO VILLAGE OFFICE AND PF OUTPOSTS ABOUT SEVEN KMS WEST OF SAIGON LEAVING FOUR PF SOLDIERS KIA, EIGHT WOUNDED, AND NINE MIA.

8. BIEN HOA PROVINCE EXPERIENCED LIMITED SAPPER ATTACKS, ABF'S, AND LIMITED GROUND CONTACTS IN LONG THANH AND NHON TRACH DISTRICTS. ON JANUARY 19, SAPPERS INITIATED ATTACKS AGAINST TERRITORIAL DEFENDERS SEVEN KMS NORTHWEST OF LONG THANH DISTRICT, LEAVING FIVE TERRITORIAL FORCE SOLDIERS KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED, AND FIVE NVA/VC KILLED. ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 17, NVA/VC ELEMENTS ERECTED A ROADBLOCK ALONG QL 1 NEAR TRANG BOM VILLAGE SOME 15 KMS EAST OF BIEN HOA CITY. THE ROADBLOCK WAS LIFTED BY POPULAR FORCES BY 0815 HOURS THE FOLLOWING MORNING WITHOUT CASUALTIES.

9. ACTIVITY IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE WAS LIMITED TO MINOR SAPPER PROBES AND ABF'S, MOSTLY IN PHU HOA, TRI TAM, AND ALONG ROUTE 13 NORTH OF PHU CUONG.

10. ICCS: THERE WERE TWO OBSERVATIONS IN ICCS REGION V THIS
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WEEK. ON JANUARY 15, THE IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS

OBSERVED THE SITE OF THE JANUARY 14 SAPPER ATTACK ON NGO VAN SANG CAMP JUST NORTHEAST OF BIEN HOA AIR BASE. ON JANUARY 17 THE INDODEL OBSERVED THE DESTRUCTION OF AMMUNITION AT THE THAN TUY-HA AMMO DUMP IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE. INDODEL REPORTS THAT BOTH THE INDONESIANS AND IRANIANS ARE READY TO MAN THE AN LOC TEAM SITE AS SOON AS AIR AMERICA RESUMES REGULAR FLIGHTS TO THAT CITY.

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PART VIII -- MR-4.

1. MILITARY SITUATION: (A) OVERALL SECURITY: THE JAN HIGHPOINT IN DELTA FIGHTING MOVED INTO ITS SECOND WEEK MARKED BY SOMEWHAT LOWER LEVELS OF ACTIVITY BUT HIGHER GVN CASUALTIES OWING PRIMARILY TO SEVERAL BATTALION-SIZE CONTACTS IN THE SOUTHERN DELTA. ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED TO DECLINE IN THE COMING WEEK EXCEPT IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE, WHERE SECTOR OFFICERS EXPECT INCREASED PRESSURE ON TWO DISTRICT TOWNS. MR4 REPORTS 735 VC/NVA-INITIATED INCIDENTS (1036 LAST WEEK) CONSISTING OF 100 GROUND ATTACKS (152), 12 INFILTRATIONS (1), 464 ABF'S (682), 131 HARASSMENTS (166), 22 SABOTAGE (23), 4 TERRORIST INCIDENTS (10) AND 2 OTHER INCIDENTS. GVN LOSSES ROSE TO 378 KIA (318), 1239 WIA (1451), 247 MIA (103), AND 17 CREW-SERVED (9) AND 480 INDIVIDUAL (272) WEAPONS LOST. CORPS CLAIMS 902 VC/NVA KILLED (1271), 36 PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS CAPTURED (44), AND 30 CREW-SERVED (60) AND 190 INDIVIDUAL (310) WEAPONS SEIZED.

(B) NORTHERN DELTA: IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE, MOC HOA WAS SHELLED TWICE AND TUYEN BINH, KIEN BINH AND TUYEN NHON DISTRICT TOWNS WERE HIT FOUR TIMES EACH. HARDEST HIT WAS KIEN BINH WHERE A NATIONAL POLICE STATION AND PAGODA WERE DESTROYED, A HOSPITAL 70 PERCENT DAMAGED, AND 70 PERCENT OF THE AMMO STORAGE DESTROYED. VC/NVA COMPANY-SIZED UNITS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED WITHIN A FEW KM OF TUYEN BINH AND KIEN BINH, AND SECTOR SOURCES EXPECT ATTACKS ON THOSE DISTRICT TOWNS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. VC/NVA HAVE WARNED MOC HOA POPULATION OF HEAVY SHELLINGS IN NEAR FUTURE, AND ALMOST HALF THE TOWN'S 15,000 PEOPLE HAVE LEFT. ACTIVITY IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE DECREASED SLIGHTLY, AND MOST INCIDENTS CONSISTED OF VC/NVA MORTARINGS OR SMALL-UNIT CONTACTS RESULTING FROM GVN SECURITY OPERATIONS. TWO VILLAGE HQ'S - ONE IN SE BEN TRANH (D), THE OTHER IN CHAU THANH (D) 3 KM NE OF MY THO - WERE ATTACKED AND ABANDONED; BOTH HAVE SINCE BEEN RETAKEN. INCIDENTS CONTINUED ON PRINCIPAL ROADS, MOST NOTABLY HIGHWAY 4
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AND ROUTE 29, BUT ONLY ONE DAYTIME INCIDENT ON HIGHWAY 4 WAS REPORTED - MORNING SNIPING AT A MILITARY VEHICLE IN SAM GIANG (D) IN WHICH ONE SOLDIER WAS KILLED. ALSO IN SAM GIANG (D), A HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN, KILLING 7 NAVAL OFFICERS FROM THE STAFF OF 4TH RIVERINE AREA HQ IN CAN THO. ACTIVITY IN KIEN PHONG PROVINCE SHIFTED TO HONG NGU (D) WHERE 7 GROUND ATTACKS AND 8 ABF'S WERE DIRECTED AGAINST OB'S NORTH OF THE DISTRICT TOWN AND ALONG INFILTRATION ROUTE 1-A. TWO PF PLATOON OB'S WERE OVERRUN AND ANOTHER ABANDONED. S-2 BELIEVES VC:NVA WILL ATTEMPT TO OCCUPY THE THREE WESTERN BORDER VILLAGES OF HONG NGU AS CAPITAL OF VC LONG CHAU TIEN PROVINCE AND AS "PORT OF ENTRY" ON THE MEKONG. THERE IS ALSO A POW REPORT THAT THE E-3 REGIMENT/5TH NVA DIVISION, NOW OPERATING NORTH OF MOC HOA, WILL MOVE INTO HONG NGU. ELSEWHERE IN KIEN PHONG, VC 502A AND B BATTALIONS CONTINUED PRESSURE ON GVN POSITIONS IN EASTERN CAO LANH (D) AND WESTERN KIEN VAN (D) IN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO GET WITHIN MORTAR RANGE OF THE PROVINCE CAPITAL. KUG (C) CENTRAL DELTA: KIEN HOA PROVINCE REMAINED CALM AS GVN FORCES CONTINUE BZB TAKE THE INITIATIVE AGAINST THE DONG THAP I AND DONG KHOI 2 REGIMENTS. IN TWO MORALE-BOOSTING CONTACTS IN DON NHON (D), 38 VC/NVA WERE REPORTED KILLED WITH GVN CASUALTIES OF 5 WIA. BA TRI DISTRICT HQ WAS SHELLED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER FIVE YEARS; 8 MILITARY AND POLICE WERE WOUNDED. ACTIVITY IN VINH BINH PROVINCE REMAINED AT A HIGH LEVEL, BUT VC/NVA MAIN FORCE UNITS, WHICH DID MOST OF THE DAMAGE IN DECEMBER, STAYED OUT OF THE ACTION. MOST INCIDENTS WERE AROUND LONG TOAN DISTRICT HQ, WHERE A BATTALION OF THE 12TH ARVN REGIMENT IS HELPING SECURE THE AREA. ONE VILLAGE IN EASTERN TRA CU (D) WAS ABANDONED, AND THE RECOVERY OPERATION WITH AN RF BN IS REPORTEDLY SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES. ANOTHER VILLAGE IN CANG LONG (D) IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE, WITH VILLAGE OFFICIALS USUALLY LEAVING AT NIGHT. OF 19 VILLAGES OVERRUN OR ABANDONED SINCE DECEMBER 1, 9 HAVE SO FAR BEEN RETAKEN. ACTIVITY IN VINH LONG PROVINCE DROPPED TO NORMAL DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE WEEK, BUT FIGHTING ERUPTED IN THUAN THOI (V), TRA ON (D) THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. 50 MORTAR ROUNDS AND A GROUND ATTACK ON THE VILLAGE OFFICE KILLED 2 MILITARY AND 7 CIVILIANS AND AN RF RELIEF BATTALION WAS AMBUSHED, SUFFERING 1 KIA, 27 MIA, AND 37 WIA. CONTACT WITH THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN LOST. EARLIER IN THE WEEK, A PROSPEROUS VILLAGE MARKET PLACE IN MINH DUC (D) WAS OCCUPIED

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BY THE VC AND HAS NOT YET BEEN RETAKEN BY GVN FORCES, AND A WATCHTOWER IN A VILLAGE ADJACENT TO THE PROVINCE CAPITAL WAS

OVERRUN. SA DEC PROVINCE REPORTS INCREASED ACTIVITY IN DUC TON (D) WHERE VC ATTACKED 3 OB'S AND WATCHTOWERS, A VILLAGE OFFICE, AND AN RF BATTALION FARM CAMP. IN PHONG DINH PROVINCE, MOST ACTIVITY CONTINUED TO CENTER IN PHUNG HIEP (D), WHERE THE 428TH RF BATTALION HQ WAS REPEATEDLY SHELLED. AIR-STRIKES WERE CALLED IN TWICE TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE POSITION. AN RF BATTALION WAS ATTACKED 2 KM NE OF THUAN NHON DISTRICT TOWN LOSING 7 KILLED AND 14 MISSING. IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, VC/NVA CONTINUED TO PRESSURE GVN POSITIONS ALONG THE CAN GAO CANAL IN HIEU LE AND KIEN AN DISTRICTS AND ONE RF COMPANY SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES IN THAT AREA. TO THE NORTH, THE HA TIEN CEMENT PLANT WAS ATTACKED AND TWO FUEL TANKS WERE DAMAGED.

(D) SOUTHERN DELTA: ACTIVITY IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE DECLINED, WITH ABF'S ACCOUNTING FOR MOST INCIDENTS. IN ONE SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT IN MY XUYEN (D), 7 GVN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND 17 MISSING IN A CONTACT IN WHICH 5 VC WERE ALSO KILLED. A BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 4 IN MY XUYEN (D) WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED BY A FLOATING MINE, BUT TRAFFIC WAS NOT INTERRUPTED. IN NEIGHBORING BAC LIEU PROVINCE, ACTIVITY CONTINUED TO INCREASE WITH SHELLINGS AND GROUND ATTACKS REACHING THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN OVER A YEAR. THE PROVINCE CAPITAL WAS SHELLED WITH 4 CIVILIANS KILLED AND 13 WOUNDED, AND 7 OB'S WERE ABANDONED - 5 IN PHUOC LONG (D), 1 IN VINH LOI (D), AND 1 IN GIA RAI (D); ONLY ONE OF THESE HAS BEEN RETAKEN. A VILLAGE IN PHUOC LONG (D), WHICH WAS OVERRUN LAST WEEK, WAS RETAKEN EARLY THIS WEEK BUT CAME UNDER CONTINUOUS GROUND AND MORTAR ATTACK AND WAS FINALLY ABANDONED AGAIN. IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE, TWO VILLAGES IN NORTHERN DUC LONG (D) WERE RETAKEN BY THE 32ND ARVN REGIMENT WITH ARTILLERY SUPPORT, CONSIDERABLY BRIGHTENING THE PICTURE IN THAT AREA WHERE, UNTIL THIS WEEK, ONLY ONE VILLAGE HAD REMAINED UNDER GVN CONTROL. THAT VILLAGE REMAINS UNDER PRESSURE AND WAS SHELLED AGAIN THIS WEEK. THE PROVINCE TOWN WAS ALSO SHELLED, BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, GVN TROOPS REENTERED TAN LOC (V), QUAN LONG (D), BUT A VILLAGE IN THOI BINH (D) WAS OVERRUN. AN OB IN QUAN LONG (D) AND ANOTHER IN HAI YEN (D) WERE ALSO LOST, WHILE SAPPERS SUNK A PCF AT NAM CAN NAVAL BASE. THE PROVINCE CHIEF HAS ORDERED THAT 10 PF PLATOONS FROM QUAN LONG (D) CONFIDENTIAL

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2. ICCS ACTIVITIES: ICCS REGION VI RECEIVED COMPLAINTS OF 20 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AND MADE ONE OBSERVATION. MOC HOA IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN TEAMS OBSERVED THE JANUARY 17 SHELLING OF MOC HOA RESULTING IN ONE DEATH AND THREE WOUNDED. REGION VII RECEIVED COMPLAINTS OF 96 VIOLATIONS AND MADE TWO-PARTY OBSERVATIONS OF SHELLINGS IN BAC LIEU PROVINCE

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